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1 [ASNC THE MOUNT WASHINGTON LOCAL ISSUES COMMITTEE Monday, March 2](#)

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ARROYO SECO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ASNC)
THE MOUNT WASHINGTON LOCAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
Monday, March 2, 2015 8:00 PM
Carlin G. Rec Center Main Room
511 W. Avenue 46
Los Angeles CA 90065
AGENDA

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Speaker Series at 7:15: Daniel Marlos, Artist, On The Bugs of Mt. Washington

1. 8:00 PM Call to Order (1 minute)

2. Public Comment on items not on current agenda (5 minutes)

The public may provide comments to the board on non-agenda items within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction. However, please note that under the Brown Act, the committee is prevented from acting on the issue you bring to its attention until the matter is agendized for discussion at a future public meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes from 2.2.15 meeting. (2 minutes)

4. Planning Land Use Committee Update Tamar Rosenthal, Chair (5 minutes)

Oneonta Update, Upcoming Projects, Marmion Way bike path, SW Museum.

5. Polling discuss results and courses of action from Survey Monkey Poll % Y/N (146 responses, 20 mins):

A. Dog Waste and Leashes- Problem w Dog Waste 41/38; Problem w Leash 35/36 (toss-up)

B. Tickets for Off-Leash 54/46 (slightly favor)

C. Twenty is Plenty (20 mph speed limit): 77/23 (clear majority)

D. Sign for Speed + Yield 68% both, 9% speed only, 13% yield only, 12% none (sign mandate)

E. Signs,Bumper Stickers, or Both:

F. DASH Bus City or Private Sponsor? City 68%/ Private Sponsor 32% (clear majority)

G. 75c bus fare for loop , yes or no: 82/18 (clear majority)

H. Support for DASH Stops: MWES 63, Superior 49, Carlin G 38, Cleland/BC Park 35, Museum+Crane 33, Primavera and Division 14.

I. Additional Comments- discuss write in comments

6. New Members- stakeholders invited to join the Committee in an effort to maintain a quorum.

7. Discussion of Future Speakers (2 minutes)

8. Open Discussion for Future Items of Interest to Community (5 minutes)

9. Adjournment

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2 **"Best of Eagle Rock" Announced Saturday**

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Hello Neighbor!

"Best of Eagle Rock" Announced Tomorrow

Please join us tomorrow, Saturday Feb. 28, at 10:30AM at Eagle Rock City Hall, for our first-annual "Best of Eagle Rock" awards reception. This year's winners will be announced, certificates will be handed out, and you'll have a chance to mingle with the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council, your neighbors, and our fabulous local small businesspeople. ALL are welcome! We'll have coffee and pastries from Swork and snacks for the kids (and hopefully enough room for everyone if it rains).

The ERNC is a big supporter of small business in Eagle Rock, and that's not just lip service: When we spend your tax dollars, we buy local; and when we host community events, we make sure Eagle Rock's independent merchants are part of the plan. In the coming year, we'd like to help Eagle Rock's small businesses form a group that looks out for their interests, and helps them communicate with government decision-makers. If you'd like to be involved, get in touch at info@ernc.la.

Want to know when the next ERNC meeting is? Want to see what we've been up to? Visit us at: www.ernc.la

The Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) is an official organization of the City of Los Angeles, staffed by 19 elected, unpaid volunteers. Our Board is composed of Eagle Rock stakeholders from all walks of life, who share a desire to make our home town a safer, greener, and more prosperous place to

live.

Our job is neighborhood empowerment: We act as your advocates and liaisons to the City Council, the Mayor, and all City of L.A. departments that touch the lives of Eagle Rockers. Join us at one of our meetings, or talk to us at a community event, and find out how we can make Eagle Rock even better, together.

Contact Us:

If you have any questions about the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council, please contact the ERNC Communications Team, and we'll get back to you within 24 hours: info@ernc.la

ERNC President David Greene writes these newsletters. If you have a content-related question or comment, contact him at: david.greene@ernc.la

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GLASSELL PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL JOINT BOARD AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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JOINT BOARD AND
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, March 3, 2015
7pm-9pm

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. The timelines indicated are for the purposes of moving agenda items along only and do not constitute official times to discuss and/or take actions on items presented. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Agenda is posted for public review at Super A Foods Store, 2925 Division Street, Los Angeles, CA 90065 and at the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council website:

www.glassellparknc.org. In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board members in advance of a meeting may be viewed at the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council Constituent Service Center located at 3750 N. Verdugo Road (in back of the Public Storage Building) or visiting our website by clicking on the following link: www.glassellparknc.org or at an upcoming scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the GPNC Office at (323) 256-4762 or 256-GPNC or send email to Communications@GlassellParkNC.org. All agenda items including topics of discussion considerations, recommendations and / or adoptions of a motion to be placed on an upcoming public general stakeholder (GCS) meeting must be submitted to GPNC executive board more than 72 hours prior to a scheduled Executive Board meeting unless otherwise noted. Submit your requests to the Executive Board via our website or by phone. The Executive Board does not guarantee an item will be placed on an upcoming GCS meeting agenda.

1. Welcome and Call to Order (Molly Taylor; Chairperson)

2. Roll Call / Determination of Quorum (3 min)

3. Official and Public Comment (on Non-Agenda Items) (Limited to 10 minutes, maximum 2 minutes per speaker)

The Executive Officers of the GPNC Board will review and may take action on the following:

4. Review Minutes from the 2/17/15 GCS Meeting

5. Reconciliation of Funds and Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERs) – Andre Sahakian

a) Ricoh invoice #5033153844 for \$326.88 (9,384 copies 10/1-10/31/14)

6. Review and propose Agenda Items for GPNC General Board Meeting Tuesday, February 20, 2015:

- a) Guest Speaker Requests – Mark Quiroz
- b) Agenda item(s) unaddressed at February 20, 2015 GCS Meeting
- c) Committee Reports and Recommendations to GPNC Board:
 - i) By-Laws – Tony Butka
 - ii) Grants and Funding – Bradley
 - iii) Economic Development & Land Use – Helene Schpak
 - iv) Outreach and Communications – Michael Divic
 - v) Budget and Finance – Andre Sahakian
 - vi) Public Arts – Crystal-Lynne Orozco
 - vii) National Night Out (Ad Hoc Committee) – Pavlo Vlanco
 - viii) Neighborhood Watch Town Hall (Ad Hoc Committee) – Molly Lynn Taylor
- d) Review recommendations for possible Community Impact Statements (CISs) – Marge Piane &/or Bradley

7. New Business; including (but not limited to) any Special Committee updates, Community Activities, and Announcements

8. Adjourn

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4 **Tweed, Moxie & Mustaches + The Slow Ride Sideshow!**

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There was a time, prior to the automobile, when folks traveled to socials on velocipedes, and they did so in style. Both bicycles and fashion have changed, but that shouldn't stop anyone from dressing up. Join the Tweed, Moxie & Mustaches ride with C.I.C.L.E. (Cyclists Inciting Change through Live Exchange). The 10mile-ride, complete with a lot of people in fancy duds, will make its way through Cypress Park and Glassell Park, with several stops along the way, and then eventually landing at a nice little bash. Sunday March 1.

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3545 Pasadena Ave, Los Angeles, California

Calling all dashing, distinguished, and dapper bicyclists! Dress in your finest and roll through history during C.I.C.L.E.'s Tweed, Moxie and Mustaches Ride!

On Sunday, March 1, C.I.C.L.E. (Cyclists Inciting Change thru LIVE Exchange), will lead a community bicycle ride, "Tweed, Moxie and Mustaches" through Cypress Park and Glassell Park, to pedal back in time. This expedition, open to all bicyclists, will make several stops, including the Heritage Square Museum, a living history museum, as well as the former Van de Kamp Holland Dutch Bakery, built in the

early 1900s. Participants will get a taste of history at each stop. At the final stop, participants will enjoy New Belgium Brewing's Slow Ride Sideshow, hosted by SSSsnake and Steiny, replete with bikes and bemusement. This stop will include the Slow Ride competition, comedy, entertainment, beer specials, prizes and a raffle for a New Belgium Cruiser. Come one, come all, dressed in your finest, to this annual event for dapper and dashing bicyclists everywhere!

Participants will enjoy the following:

- Curated bicycle ride
- Competitions (Best Dressed, etc.)
- Pint specials
- Raffle prizes
- Food truck
- The Slow Ride Sideshow, hosted by the dynamic duo, SSSsnake and Steiny (from the infamous Tour de Fat!)

As with all C.I.C.L.E. rides, this ride is accessible for all experience levels and is leisurely paced. C.I.C.L.E. rides are fully supported, led by trained Ride Leaders and an EMT. The ride is 10 miles. Prior to the ride we will address safe street riding and group ride etiquette to ensure smooth sailing. Although the final stop will serve as the ending point, bicyclists will be escorted to the starting location at the end of the show.

When: Sunday, March 1, 2015

Time: Meet at 12:30 p.m., the ride will leave promptly at 1 p.m.

Where: Heritage Square/Arroyo Gold Line Station
3545 Pasadena Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90031

What to bring: Bring water, a snack, bicycle lights and a bicycle in good working order. This ride is FREE and open to anyone, but all participants should be able to ride a bike safely with the ability to brake, change gears, and balance while stopping and starting. All participants under 18 MUST wear a helmet and be escorted by a parent or guardian. Children under age 8 should be on a tag-a-long, bike trailer, tandem, or other safe child-carrying device to participate in the ride. Please note: Participants must be 21 to enter the Verdugo Bar.

About C.I.C.L.E.: Cyclists Inciting Change thru Live Exchange (C.I.C.L.E.) is a nonprofit organization working to promote the bicycle as a viable, healthy, and sustainable transportation choice.

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In LAUSD board election, it's charter schools vs. labor unions with others left behind
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Los Angeles Unified's school board races have drawn \$2 million so far. Charter school advocates and teacher union contributions dominate the interests re...

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Los Angeles Unified school board candidate Ref Rodriguez collected \$21,000 in campaign donations from employees of his charter school network, Partnerships to Uplift Communities, in his bid to unseat incumbent Bennett Kayser in East Los Angeles' District 5.

Most striking, a handful of his workers – a janitor, maintenance worker, tutor — are donating at or near the contribution limit, \$1,100.

The contributions are a measure of supporters' high hopes to unseat Kayser in favor of Rodriguez, a candidate friendly to charter schools.

Rodriguez, an charter school administrator at Partnerships to Uplift Communities, received most of his financial support from the California Charter School Association Advocates, which received donations from such wealthy donors as former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and philanthropist Eli Broad.

Kayser, a former teacher elected as a board member in 2011, collected his largest donations from labor unions, particularly the United Teachers Los Angeles.

Most of the money working toward Kayser and Rodriguez's reelection are not funneled into their individual campaigns, but to independent expenditure committees which are not subject to the \$1,100 contribution limit.

In her first foray into political giving, Luz Maria Lopez, an office worker, donated \$1,000 donation to the Rodriguez campaign, twice the amount of Partnerships to Uplift Communities' CEO, Jacqueline Elliot.

"I really believe in Ref. My kids go to PUC schools," said Lopez, who has been employed by PUC since it opened 15 years ago.

The employee contributions weren't coerced and will not be reimbursed, Rodriguez said. Many of them can be traced back to a holiday break fundraiser at Rodriguez's sister's home in La Puente.

"I know for many of them this is a tremendous sacrifice," he said. "It's just been sort of an outpouring of folks belief in me and what we are trying to do for the city."

CHARTER SCHOOL GROUPS MAJOR FUNDERS

Direct campaign donations from individual contributors, such as Rodriguez' employees, make up 18 percent of the money spent in the LAUSD's District 5 school board race.

The biggest donor is charter school advocacy groups, such as the California Charter School Association Advocates.

Donations have also come from self-described education reform groups that support charter school expansion and firing teachers deemed ineffective, among other issues.

All told, the advocacy groups contributed more than \$700,000 to activities in support of Rodriguez and working against Kayser.

On the other side, UTLA funneled \$330,000 of members' contributions to activities supporting Kayser and working against Rodriguez.

While UTLA has turned up its political spending in the board race to stay competitive, it is routinely outspent, said Orai Amoni, the union's political director.

"We never are going to be able to match [reformers] dollar for dollar," Amoni said. "So our biggest thing is making sure our members are educated, are engaged, are aware — and vote."

So far, campaigns and committees have spent more than \$2 million on the 13 Los Angeles Unified school board candidates, according to filings with the L.A. City Ethics Commission. The contributions have paid for mailing of glossy ads, phone banks, billboards, robocalls and commercials on Spanish-language radio.

Total contributions are expected to increase in the few days remaining before the primary and swell again in any May runoff.

Even in major races, aggressive campaigns fueled by growing contributions from special interest groups make it difficult for candidates not affiliated with interest groups to stay competitive.

Limitless independent expenditures are "playing a major role in smaller and local elections," said Ryan Brinkerhoff, campaign manager for Andrew Thomas, the unaffiliated candidate in the District 5 race.

Thomas, a professor at Walden University, donated \$51,000 to his campaign, making him his own biggest contributor. He's also attracted sizable local support: about 70 percent of his campaign donations come from residents who live in District 5.

Thomas has received no contributions from political action committees or advocacy groups.

Can he win?

"I think so, but it's getting harder and harder," Brinkerhoff said. "The results of this election are going to be very telling."

OUTSIDE CONTRIBUTORS, LOCAL CONCERNS

When public schools were created in the United States, local communities were given control over their

governance. Outside money “undermines the relationship between community members and their local public institutions,” according to John Rogers, an education professor at UCLA.

“It undermines their sense that they own those institutions, and those institutions are theirs to be shaped,” he said.

Without the funds from Broad, Bloomberg and other large donors, Rodriguez’s employees’ contributions would have made up more than 30 percent of his campaign support. Instead, it’s 4 percent.

Kayser has also received support from outside the district, including donations from the American Federation of Teachers and the California Teachers Association.

“The voters have an interest in open and transparent elections in which outside dollars don’t have too large an influence,” Rogers said.

To read more about the school board election and City Council races, visit the KPCC 2015 voter guide.

Clarification: This article has been updated to make clear that the California Charter Schools Association does not support or advocate for teacher firing policies. Support for incumbent Kayser from outside the district has also been noted.

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6 **Money, Power and the 14th Council District Race**

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Column: The Regardie Report

Election Day Arrives in a Campaign That Never Grew as Ugly as Expected

Posted: Friday, February 27, 2015 12:20 pm | Updated: 1:04 pm, Fri Feb 27, 2015.

By Jon Regardie

DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES - Last September, when longtime County Supervisor Gloria Molina

announced that she would challenge incumbent José Huizar in the 14th District City Council race, it seemed the fuse had been lit on the most explosive council contest in recent memory. Like Pavlov's dog with the bell, political geeks began drooling over the expected electoral conflagration.

With election day landing on Tuesday, March 3, it's clear how far off those predictions were. Some nastiness has been exhibited, but overall the race has been more fizzle than sizzle.

It's still possible that this is only a political amuse-bouche, and that the real ugliness could come. In addition to Huizar and Molina, three other candidates are on the ballot, and election watchers are whispering that they could prevent anyone from claiming a majority of the vote. If no one hits 50%, then the top two finishers — that means Huizar and Molina — would move on to a May runoff. Reminiscent of Groundhog Day, there would be eight more weeks of sniping.

If the race does end this week, here's what we'll remember.

On Top of Money Mountain: Huizar will go down in history... as the most prolific City Council fundraiser of the millennium. At press time, he had vacuumed up \$857,000 in campaign donations, which not only far outdistances Molina's \$208,000, but is more than twice what anyone running for any council seat has secured (he also has \$100,000 in city matching funds). The next closest individual is Council President Herb Wesson, who has notched \$402,000 in his 10th District re-election bid. Huizar has more than 10 times the \$77,000 raised by Second District incumbent Paul Krekorian.

In fact, Huizar has smashed the 21st century council fundraising record of \$773,000 secured by Antonio Villaraigosa when he successfully ran for the 14th District seat in 2003. I can't believe I'm about to say this, but Huizar is a record setter, the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of fundraising.

PAC Mentality: As if Huizar's war chest isn't big enough, he's benefitting from unprecedented "work" by political action committees. Electoral law allows independent groups to spend as much as they want on a race as long as they don't coordinate with the official campaign. Special interests have responded by turning on the financial fire hose full blast and spewing cash everywhere. By Thursday, Feb. 27, they had dropped \$498,000 on Huizar's behalf, according to documents filed with the City Ethics Commission. Independent groups supporting Molina had spent exactly zero dollars.

Interestingly, Huizar is getting money love from business and the unions. At the same time that the sides are tangling over a proposed hike for the city's minimum wage, they stand united behind Huizar. As of Feb. 27, PACs affiliated with the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO and the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce had both spent about \$120,000 on mailers, phone banking, precinct walkers and donkeys carrying neon signs promoting Huizar (I made one of those up).

Endorse, Of Course: Molina has three of the most impressive endorsements in the race, in the form of the Los Angeles Times, Sen. Barbara Boxer and former Mayor and Not a Senate Candidate (his new official title) Villaraigosa. The latter especially resonates because AnVil had long been a Huizar supporter.

While those are good for Molina mailers, her campaign goofed by allowing news of the backing of Boxer, Villaraigosa and Councilman Gil Cedillo to slip into cyberspace before they could announce it. The political website MayorSam sniffed out the endorsements and spread the word. Team Molina never got the multiple news cycle bounce she should have enjoyed.

Special Guest Sniper: Candidates Mario Chavez and Nadine Diaz are way behind on the money front, with about \$20,000 and \$30,000 raised, respectively (the other candidate on the ballot, John O'Neill, has not reported raising any money). While neither is expected to figure heavily on election day, Diaz has shown a willingness to swipe at Huizar, particularly during debates. At a Downtown Los Angeles forum last month she criticized him for a car accident that the city settled for \$185,000. She also led the charge in attacking him for an extramarital affair with a former staffer, Francine Godoy. Godoy later sued Huizar and the city for sexual harassment and retaliation. Though the city allocated spending up to \$200,000 for

Huizar's legal defense, the matter was settled privately, and financial details were not revealed. Still, Diaz took the lead in making it a moral matter.

And a Little Nastiness After All: The gloves in this race never came off like they did in 2011, when Huizar ran against businessman Rudy Martinez, or in 2007, when Huizar's campaign sent out a biting mailer comparing his competitor to Homer Simpson. Still, things have gotten sharp late in the game. Late last month Molina dispatched a series of targeted mailers that feature residents of different neighborhoods, including Downtown, and the barbed line, "Councilman Huizar's costly scandals are disgusting. But for me, the real scandal is that people don't get the help they need when they call his office."

Huizar, on the other hand, has unleashed a glossy mailer with graffiti-like script reading "Welcome to Gloria Molina's Los Angeles" and showing photos of rundown homes and dirty areas in her former supervisorial district. "She spent a lot of money on cars, junkets, and raises for her staff, but what did she do for her district?" it asks. Then it helpfully answers its own question with, "Not much, apparently." The action ends March 3. Unless it doesn't, and we have two more months of fun and games.

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7 The Cedillo Weekly 02/28/15

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Friends,

This week was busy with several legislative items that are priorities for me. I was able to discuss the need for additional money to build out affordable housing, provide resources to our most vulnerable – our homeless population; and continue to educate folks on AB 60,DACA/DAPA.

The City Council approved my motion requesting the Housing Department to track the most recent decision by the Federal Housing Finance Agency to lift the suspension on Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (GSEs) to allocate funds to the National Housing Trust Fund. It is important for us to continue to track these monies to ensure the City receives its fair share, every bit helps in order for us to build affordable housing in Los Angeles.

In Housing Committee we received a presentation from the Mayor's staff, the VA, HACLA, and LAHSA on the Mayor's Pledge to End Veteran Homelessness by 2015.

Los Angeles' homeless population represents 9% of the national total and includes the most homeless veterans – more than 6,000- in the Country. I was happy to hear that we are half way done with our goal and on track to house and additional 3,154 veterans by end of this year!

We also heard a report from the CAO in response to a motion I authored asking for an accounting in the

City's investment on homeless services. This was an important step forward to fully comprehend how we can use all of our City's resources in an effective and efficient manner as we address homelessness. It was also a pleasure to have CA State Treasurer, John Chiang join me in committee this week. He was able to update committee members on affordable housing policy happening at the State level, giving us confidence that our State legislators are also focused on solving our housing crisis.

In closing, don't forget to vote this coming Tuesday! If you need assistance in locator or polling location, please contact the City Clerk's Office by clicking here: [March 3, Elections](#). As I shared with you in the past, it is our duty to be involved in our electoral process. Please take some time to vote.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

- Gil

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Culture Clash Chavez Ravine Recognition

This Friday morning at the City Council meeting, Councilmember Cedillo honored Culture Clash and the Center Theatre Group for the production of Chavez Ravine. The Chavez Ravine play tells the true story of the Mexican-American community that lived in the ravine for generations; of the neighborhoods that once stood where Dodger Stadium's field, bleachers, and parking lot are now; and how and why they lost their homes.

Councilmember Cedillo congratulated Culture Clash on their thirty years of artistic performances as the nation's most prominent Chicano-Latinos performance troupe.

For more information, please visit [this link](#) on Chavez Ravine.

Engineers Week

This week we kicked off the Second Annual Engineers Week at City Hall. It was founded in 1951 by the National Society of Professional Engineers to celebrate the many contributions engineers make to our everyday life.

Councilmember Gil Cedillo partnered with the American Society of Civil Engineers to host a weeklong series of activities. This year's event was co-hosted by Councilmember Joe Buscaino, and Councilmember Curren Price and held the theme of "Let's Make a Difference". The primary goal of Engineers Week is to outreach to K-12 and college students by introducing them to the fields of government and engineering while promoting science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in our communities.

Activities included an egg drop contest and science fair for 250 elementary students; a sustainable street design competition and technical presentations for 200 high school students; women in engineering and leadership day with activities for 100 high school girls; a "Professionals Night Reception" where more than 300 engineers from the public and private sector gathered to celebrate their contributions to the City of LA; and a college day where more than 150 college students participated in technical presentations, engineering group activities and more.

Councilman Cedillo would like to thank all of our partners who made this week possible.

Fighting for Affordable Housing

On Thursday Councilmember Gil Cedillo joined the California Reinvestment Coalition to ask questions about the proposed CIT Group and One West Bank Merger.

A press conference held at the Federal Reserve Bank prior to the public hearing where the merger was to be discussed, helped to raise concerns on the impact such merger would have on the community. Cedillo, along with 25,000 individuals, asked that such a large transaction include community benefits in the form of affordable housing investments.

Photo credit: California Reinvestment Coalition

Diane Rodriguez Nomination to National Council on the Arts

Councilmember Cedillo was extremely pleased and delighted that President Obama nominated Diane Rodriguez to the National Council on the Arts this week. Diane is an accomplished actress, producer and director with experience working at Los Angeles Center Theatre Group. She would be a magnificent addition to the Council.

On Tuesday, February 17th, Councilmember Gil Cedillo introduced a resolution in support of Ms. Rodriguez nomination and confirmation by the U.S. Senate. [Copy of Resolution Click Here.](#)

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National Housing Trust Fund Update

The full City Council adopted Councilman Cedillo's motion to instruct the Housing Department to continue to monitor the National Housing Trust Fund. As the City continues to struggle to build sufficient affordable housing, this is an important priority for the Councilman. Any money that would help support LA's local housing trust fund is an important tool to increase our affordable housing demands.

The National Housing Trust Fund is the first new federal housing production program since the HOME program was created in 1990 and the first new production program specifically targeted to extremely low income households since the Section 8 program was created in 1974.

The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) instructed the GSEs to contribute annually to the Funds, but this action was suspended by then-FHFA Acting Director Ed DeMarco. In December of 2014 the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) announced it was lifting this suspension, and directing Government-Sponsored Enterprises Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (the GSEs) to begin setting aside and allocating funds to the Housing Trust Fund and the Capital Magnet Fund (the Funds). Councilmember Cedillo heard an update in Housing Committee this week, where the committee

members learned that funds will become available sixty days after the 2015 calendar, and estimates project money being available to States by the summer of 2016.

Estimates vary since funds are still being invested by the two GSEs, but based on nationwide numbers, California is estimated to receive:

- \$29.9 million at the \$250 million NHTF investment level
- \$82 million at the \$500 million NHTF investment level
- \$120 million at ~ \$15 million NHTF investment level

The NHTF will, once capitalized, provide communities with funds to build, preserve, and rehabilitate rental homes that are affordable for extremely and very low income households.

FIELD UPDATE

Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council addresses Homelessness

This Tuesday the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council sponsored a Town Hall Meeting on Homelessness with the participation of the City Attorney's Office, Hollenbeck SLO Officers, LAHSA, Homeless advocates, Park Ranger, Councilmember Huizar's Office, Councilmember Cedillo's office and others.

The meeting created a safe space for neighbors to express their various concerns in regards to the homeless in the Arroyo Seco. The majority of whom empathized with the hardships of being homeless, questioning how the City could help many of these individuals transition off the streets. There were also neighbors who were concerned with the safety of the area, testifying to experiences that made them feel a bit inadequate in their neighborhood. The meeting shed light on the various points of views from all community members.

Deputy Sylvia Robledo participated in the panel, explaining the complexities of the issue which is homelessness. Councilman Cedillo, as chair of Housing understands that the core issue is the lack of affordable housing and the need for supportive services in our communities.

Cedillo continues to advocate for funding that would help the City increase its affordable housing stock, but also hopes to find efficiencies on how the City allocates resources for homeless services. Cedillo has asked the City Administrative Office to conduct a review of the resources by the various departments on activities related to homelessness - hoping this will inform the policy makers on how the City can improve on its delivery model.

In the interim, he was successful in implementing a \$5M Clean Streets Program city-wide last year to address issues associated with homeless, and homeless encampments.

The Councilman applauds the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council for taking on such a complex issue and looks forward to working with them in partnership as he works to address these concerns.

Photo Credit: Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council

Chinese New Year Parade

This past Sunday, thousands of people converged into Chinatown to celebrate the Lunar New Year 2015, Year of the Ram at the 116th Annual L.A. Golden Dragon Parade. Councilmember Gil Cedillo joined the celebration that is one of the largest and oldest in the country. Participants enjoyed the lion dancer and other Chinese traditional performances throughout the parade. Chinatown businesses were at capacity, as people indulged in Chinatown's favorite eateries such as Yang Chow, Master Chef and

New Dragon Seafood as well as our newer spots such as Ramen Champ and Pok Pok in Far East Plaza. Parade-goers lined the streets with confetti as we celebrated the New Year, LA style.

The East Wind Foundation for Youth's lion dance troop closed out the parade with a bang (literally) with thousands of firecrackers exploding at Cesar Chavez and Broadway. The celebration continued after the parade with the Chinatown Business Improvement District hosting activities at the Central Plaza, which included DJ's, food trucks, and a beer garden. Thank you to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for hosting this event every year.

AB 60 Workshop

Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo's office hosted a workshop on AB 60 and DACA/DAPA at the El Centro del Pueblo Cypress Park Family Source Center. The workshop served to provide valuable information on how to pass driver's license with test tips, as well as to receive updates on the Presidents' executive action. Team Cedillo was pleased to welcome more than 50 people, and look forward to hosting additional workshops throughout the district.

The workshop was in partnership with the California Department of Motor Vehicle, the Mexican Consulate, Saber Es Poder, Hermandad Mexicana and El Centro Del Pueblo.

Keep it Clean Update: Flat Top Gets a Sprucing Up!

Team Cedillo supported a clean-up sponsored by the Montecito Heights Home Improvement Association this past Saturday. Community residents worked diligently to pick up tumbleweed and trash that had gathered at Flat Top. The neighbors take pride of this open space which sits practically in their backyard. Everyone is grateful to Supervisor Molina and Councilmember Cedillo for preserving this land for future generations to appreciate.

Elysian Park Road Improvement

MEGA KUDOS to our Recreation and Parks' Staff for working with Team Cedillo to move forward the greatly needed repairs of our Elysian Park roads in anticipation of the 2015 Year of the Ram Los Angeles Chinatown Firecracker 5k/10k Run. The Elysian Park Road Resurfacing program was funded through \$2.3 million Proposition K funds.

Recreation and Parks' resurfacing of Elysian Park Roads commenced in late January and they have been working hard and doing their best to resurface and install temporary patches before this weekend's annual Los Angeles Firecracker 5k & 10K run.

All of Angels point to Park Row Drive has been completed. 50% of Point Grandview has already been resurfaced and the remaining 50% will be completed by the end of this week in time for the Firecracker Run. Although Park Row Drive to North Broadway will not be resurfaced in time for this weekend's Firecracker Run, Recreation and Parks maintenance crews have been working hard to fill the potholes with soil or decomposed granite to make it safe and friendly for our runners and walkers. The crews are ahead of their target completion date of April 2015.

Thank you City Staff for helping us make Council District One #1!

Ramona Hall Street Safety

At the annual North East Recreation and Parks Community meeting held at Ramona Hall, a staff member commented that it was unsafe to exit the parking lot because of the blind spot to the left of the curb. The curved street and parked cars made it difficult for exiting cars to see incoming traffic.

Team Cedillo listened to the concern, understanding children and parents were at risk when leaving the parking lot. With some work with the Department of Transportation, we were able to get the curbside painted red to eliminate the blind spot and increase street safety.

We would like to send our thank you to Chun Leung and Mehrdad Moshksar of Department of Transportation for working with our office in getting this done.

Lincoln Heights Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner

This week, Deputy District Director Rodriguez administered the oath for the installation of board officers and directors of the Lincoln Heights Chamber of Commerce. The dinner was held at the beautiful San Antonio Winery and was attended by over 75 business leaders from Lincoln Heights. Congratulations to all the board officers and directors who volunteered and are dedicated to improving the business climate and quality of life in Lincoln Heights. We look forward to continuing our work together.

For more information about the chamber and to become a member contact the Lincoln Heights Chamber of Commerce at (323) 221-6571.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Firecracker Run

District Office Art Exhibit

The Highland Park Theatre Turns 90

The Wall las Memorias Open House

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